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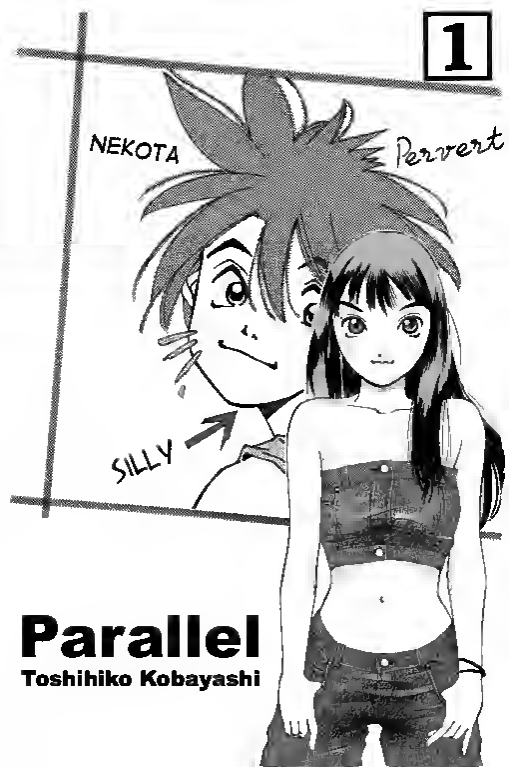
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NEKOTA
Pervert
SILLY
Parallel
Toshihiko Kobayashi

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EH? IS IT TRUE OR FALSE?
HA HA HA !
IT WOULDN'T BE TOO GOOD!
Rustle
Rustle
TAKE OFF !!
....
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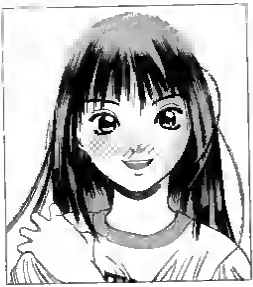
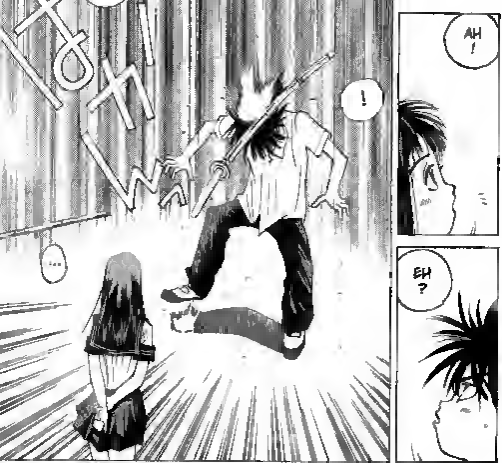
PURE. 1 Secret Battle



BAKANEKO VS HOSHINO !
IT'S HOSHINO !
DAMN !
Thump
A PERSON WHO DOES THIS IS TOO MUCH!
HEH !
THAT HAPPENS TO BE THE PRODUCT OF A WHOLE NIGHT'S WORK!
Ki
Ni!

YOU BIG PERVERT !
!
<SFX:BAKIN>
HEH !
!!
<SFX:GITEU>
HAHAHA! JUSTICE ALWAYS WINS !!
NEKOTA ..
<SFX:PAKIN>
AH !


AH!
!
...
EH?
<SFX:FAKAND

WAAH! BAKANEKO! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
THIS IS RETRI-BUTION!
GREAT YOU DESERVED IT, STUPID NEKOTA!
<SFX:KURAAD
<SFX:BI

IT'S HOSHINO'S PANTIES !
WHOA!! GREAT JOB, NEKOTA!

AH, NO NO WAY!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ACCIDENT!?
BIG STUPID CAT!
GO TO HELL!
WA !
WA !
OUCH! OUCH!
<SFX: BOKA BOKA BOKA>
<SFX: BAG>
OI OI OI OI!
YOU BETTER TREAT ME MORE DECENTLY!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING! YOU'RE LIKE A BRAT THAT NEVER GREW UP!

YEAH! YEAH!
I'M GOING TO GET REALLY MAD NOW! BITCH!
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A BRAT?
IRRITATING! DO US A FAVOR AND GET OUT OF OUR CLASS!
ASS-HOLES!
GO BACK TO KINDER-GARTEN!

<SFX:SOO>

HUMPH!
DAMN! NEKOTA AND THE OTHERS DID SOMETHING PERVERTED!
OI, I'LL LEAVE THE CLEANING UP OF THIS AREA TO YOU GUYS!
NEKOTA! FOLLOW ME TO THE COUNSELING ROOM!
!!
AH, BAD LUCK
OH! IT'S YOU GUYS AGAIN! STUDENTS FROM 3RD YEAR 1ST CLASS!
THE PERSON BEHIND ME...
IT'S THE TEACHER, RIGHT?

STUPID! YOU DESERVE IT!
STUPID NEKOTA!
YOU... YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, HOSHINO!
WHAT DID YOU SAY!?
OUCH!
THOSE TWO ARE AT IT AGAIN...
OH! YOU MEAN 1ST CLASS'S NEKOTA AND HOSHINO...
THAT CLASS SEEMS TO HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH CO-ED SCHOOLING!
YEAH! YEAH!
THOSE TWO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING WITH EACH OTHER EVERY DAY FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS, EVER SINCE THEY STARTED HAVING CLASSES TOGETHER!
GOSH! WHAT A HORRIBLE PAIR!
THOSE TWO...
WILL ALWAYS BE DEAF AGAINST EACH OTHER!
YEAH...
PLUS, HOSHINO... IS GOOD WITH HER BRAIN, TRUSTWORTHY AND HAS A WARM PERSONALITY.
YEAH! YEAH!
WON'T JUDGE NEKOTA BY HIS APPEARANCE, EITHER. HE HAPPENS TO BE THE ACE OF THE SCHOOL'S BASEBALL TEAM! BUT HE ALWAYS ACTS THIS WAY...
SO NONSENSICAL!

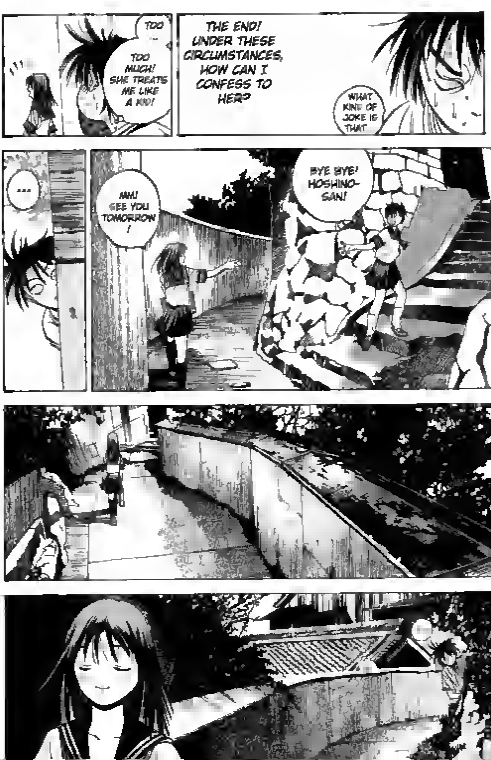
THAT HOSHINO! AND THAT TEACHER, ALWAYS DESTROYING THE SCENE!
AHHH ... REALLY MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL ...
INFURIATING!
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT!

BYE BYE!
I LEFT SOMETHING AT SCHOOL. I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE THAT MEETING ANOTHER TIME!
AH! BAD LUCK!
IF IT CONTINUES THIS WAY, THE GIRLS WILL BE WALKING ALL OVER US!
YEAH! AH... THAT WILL BE BAD!
ALRIGHT! LET'S GO TO NEKOTA'S HOUSE FOR A MEETING!
HEY! NEKOTA ...
WHAT?

ACTUALLY, I HAVE A SECRET WHICH I CANNOT TELL YOU GUYS
AH...
FORGIVE ME! SANADA! IWAORI!
キィィ
コォォン
カァァ
(SFX: KIIIN, KOOON KAAAN)
I ACTUALLY, UNKNOWINGLY FELL IN LOVE WITH HER!...
I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT ALL STARTED...
I REALLY CAN'T FIGURE MYSELF OUT...
SOME BACK ALREADY?
...
SO SLOW...

Hoshino Sakura ...
NISHIGAWA? YOU GIRLS ARE TOO MUCH!
I WANTED TO ACTUALLY GATHER MY COURAGE AND "CONFESS" TO HER TODAY, DAMN
DAMN! IT'S NISHIGAWA!

SHE LOOKS VERY HAPPY ...
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT ...
HA HA HA !
THAT NIIGOTA REALLY MAKES ME ANGRY!
WHEN HE LIFTED MY SKIRT, I REALLY WANTED TO KILL HIM!
...
HA HA HA !
BESIDES, HOW TO DO THAT KIND OF STUFF, HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING!
ANYWAY THAT BOY IS STILL TOO CHILDISH!
CAN'T STAND HIM!


TOO
TOO MUCH! SHE TREATS ME LIKE A KID!
THE END! UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOW CAN I CONFESS TO HER?
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THAT!
...
MM! SEE YOU TOMORROW !
BYE BYE! HOSHINO-SAN!

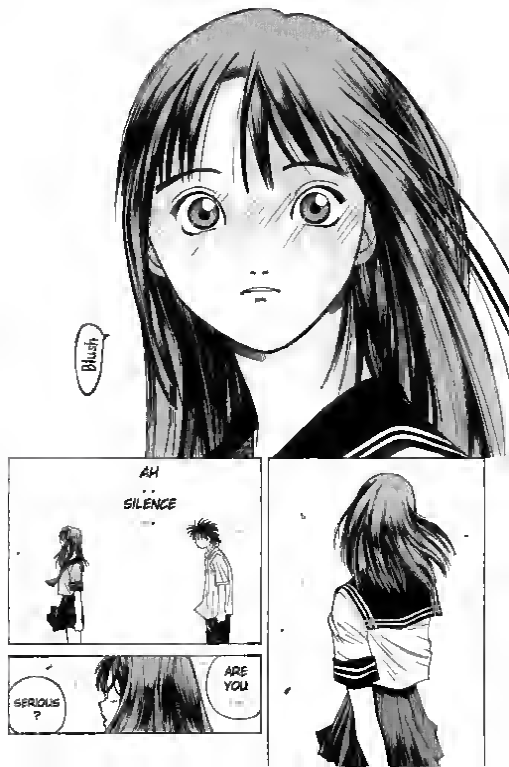
...
THIS IS THE BEST TIME TO TELL HER
BUT...
I KNOW SHE MUST HATE PEOPLE LIKE ME
HOW CAN I TELL HER WHEN SHE HATES ME SO MUCH
BUT...
I FEEL THAT IF I DON'T TELL HER TODAY THERE WILL BE NO NEXT CHANCE...
THAT IS WHY...
YOSH! JUST SAY IT OUT!
I love you!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?
YOU SCARED ME !
...
YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME, WEREN'T YOU? SINCE JUST NOW ...
HOSHI... HOSHINO! AH! NO! NOTHING SPECIAL ...

WELL, I WAS FOLLOWING YOU, BECAUSE
NO!
NO... NO SUCH THING!
STOP FOLLOWING ME!
WAIT A MINUTE! HOSHINO!
BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU
THAT'S WHY
YOU'RE THE ONE AT FAULT! PULLING PEOPLE'S SKIRTS UP!
WHAT FOR?
AH!
I ...
...

I LIKE YOU!
AT LEAST I SAID IT ...

...
JUST ME, AND I'M NOT JOKING AROUND
THIS
NO! SANADA AND IWAORI AREN'T AROUND!
WHERE?
HUH?
AH?
DON'T ACT STUPID!
SANADA AND THE OTHERS MUST BE HIDING SOMEWHERE, CORRECT
I KNOW YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT... BECAUSE WE ARE ALWAYS FIGHTING
JUST LIKE TODAY
I REALLY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU ANYMORE!
BUT I'M SERIOUS!
I...
I REALLY LIKE YOU.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AH
...
SILENCE
ARE YOU
SERIOUS ?

HOW ABOUT THE ANSWER...?
HOSHINO
IT'S GREAT! SHE UNDERSTANDS
IT'S
YUP!
IT'S NO USE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
OI!
"NO USE"...?
WHAT...?
HUH

I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN!
...
IF YOU HATE ME, THEN JUST SAY SO!
EH?
AH...
HOSHINO...
CANNOT!

HURGH
...
Scratch (Scratch)
HA
MAN! WHAT DOES "IT'S NO USE" MEAN?
...
DAMN! STOP SNIVELING ALREADY!
WHY "NO USE"? AND WHY "CANNOT"? MAKES MY HEAD ALL FOGGY
GIRLS ARE SO HARD TO UNDERSTAND
JUST GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT!
HEY! WHO DUMPED YOU?

<SFX:@ACHIYA>
HAH
..
!
YOU'RE BACK! SHINOSUKE!
I WAS WAITING FOR YOU!

OH YEAH, SHINOSUKE, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU ...
AH ...
LONG TIME NO SEE! HOW LONG WILL YOU BE STAYING HERE THIS TIME?
DAD ...
YEAH! I'LL BE GOING ON A HOLIDAY TOMORROW
EH ...
SORRY, TELL ME NEXT TIME ...
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT !
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT RIGHT NOW!
RIGHT ... I HAVE SOME-THING ...
HAI ...
...
...
I HAVE DECIDED TO RE-MARRY !
I ...

THAT'S GREAT!
I KNEW YOU WOULD DEFINITELY AGREE
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
AH!
WHAT?
SHE HAS A CHILD TOO
AH
ACTUALLY, THERE'S ANOTHER THING
EH? CAN'T BE! I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM!
I AM NOT IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY!
THEY ARE WAITING IN THE LIVING ROOM!
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SINCE DAD KNOWS NOTHING ELSE BESIDES HIS MUSIC
SHE BROUGHT EXTRA BAGGAGE TOO, HUH?

THAT CANNOT BE HELPED! SHINGOFUKE... WE'RE GOING TO EUROPE FOR A HOLIDAY TOMORROW ...
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER WITH HER CHILD!
...
WHAT ?
NOW YOU TELL ME ....
THAT'S WHY, AND THERE'S THE RENTING PROBLEM ...
AREN'T YOU A BIT TOO RASH!? WHAT KIND OF A FATHER ARE YOU!?
WHY DO I HAVE TO LIVE WITH A PERSON WHOM I HAVE NEVER MET BEFORE IN MY LIFE?
WHO ?!
BUT SHE SAID THAT YOU GET ALONG FINE WITH HER ...
AND SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM ...
HAH?
WHO IS THAT FELLOW ?
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THAT! HAH!

EH ?
EH ...
EH? EH!
AH! SAKURA ...
SOO SORRY FOR BEING EXTRA BAGGAGE ...
HO... HOSHINO !!

HA!
I MET HER MOTHER DURING A HOLIDAY, SHE IS A CELLO PLAYER, AND SHE PLAYS QUITE WELL TOO!
EH? EH? WHY...
HOW COME YOU...
HOLD... HOLD ON! DAD!
BUT, I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU KNEW EACH OTHER...
I WILL GET ALONG WELL WITH NEKOTA-KUN!
AH!
<SFX/SEKOO?
DON'T CONTINUE TALKING WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT!!!
WITH A CAPABLE SAKURA IN THE HOUSE, I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
AH~ NOISY!
LIAR! WHAT MOTIVES DO YOU HAVE?

JUST AS LONG AS MOM IS HAPPY, I'M ALRIGHT WITH ANYTHING!
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
OI, HOSHINO !
...
EH ?
SORRY TO GIVE YOU SUCH A BIG SHOCK, SHINOSUKE
BUT ...
THIS IS NOT ALL.
HOSHINO ...
BUT, I WILL DEFINITELY GIVE YOU A PROPER ...
I HAVE DIS-APPOINTED YOU ALL ...
IT IS ENTIRELY MY FAULT !
WE ARE NOT OFFICIALLY ENGAGED BECAUSE OF SOME FAMILY PROBLEMS.

SAKURA, SHINOSUKE ...
PLEASE GIVE US ONE YEAR
WE WILL DEFINITELY THINK OF A WAY TO REPAY YOU.
IN THE MEANTIME, OUR RELATIONSHIP MUST BE KEPT A SECRET
I TOO, BEG OF YOU.
AH
OH
DAD ...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME ...
...
<SFX:PETAN>

DO YOU REALLY UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION NOW?
EH ?
AND THEY WILL LOOK DOWN ON US!
WE WILL IMMEDIATELY BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE TOWN!
AH! UM ...
IF PEOPLE KNEW THAT OUR PARENTS DON'T HAVE A FORMAL ENGAGEMENT,
YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND HOW SCARY SMALL TOWNS ARE, RIGHT?
UNDERSTOOD? WE CANNOT TELL OUR SCHOOLMATES OR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS!
AH! OKAY ...
RIGHT ?
AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE HERE ANYMORE !

THE ONLY CONNECTION IS THE STAIRCASE.
BUT IF YOU LOOK FROM THE OUTSIDE, IT IS NOT VISIBLE!
THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS LOOK LIKE TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT HOUSES AND BOTH HAVE SECRET ENTRANCES
YOUR HOUSE'S DESIGN IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS, WHICH IS A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.
HEY
WAIT... WAIT A MINUTE! BUT I PREFER THE FLOOR!
MY ROOM IS NOT ONLY SMALL, IT'S...
!!
WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOU'D BETTER NOT FOOL AROUND!
SO, I'LL LIVE DOWN HERE, AND YOU'LL LIVE UPSTAIRS

I DON'T WANT THIS EITHER!
THEN TOLERATE A BIT!
WHAT ?
I WAS THE ONE WHO AGREED TO LET SAKURA STAY ON THIS FLOOR.
BUT ...
SAKURA, ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO HARSH ...
OI! DAD!
WHEN I'M NOT AROUND, PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF SHINOSUKE!
MY MIND IS AT EASE.
ALLOWING SUCH AN UNDERSTANDING GIRL LIKE YOU TO HANDLE THE SITUATION ...
EH ?
SAKURA ...
...

TREAT ME WELL! YOUNGER BROTHER!
OF COURSE! NOT A PROBLEM!
BECAUSE I'M THE OLDER SISTER.
...

RIGHT ...
THIS WAY, WE WILL BE BROTHER AND SISTER ...
YOUNGER BROTHER ...
AH ...

おおお
<SFX:PKZAAAA!>
!!!
<SFX:WAAAA!>
<SFX:WAA WAA!>
PAK
!
<SFX:KATA KATA KATA!>
TIP
TIP
TIP
I'M ALRIGHT
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TODAY! ARE YOU ALRIGHT ...
WHAT'S WRONG? NEKOTA!
AH ~
...

I
I ACTUALLY CONFESSED TO MY OLDER SISTER
YOUNGER BROTHER
HAI
...
WHY ARE YOU SO SLOW!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
STUPID
...

THEY HAVE ALREADY LEFT FOR EUROPE !
YOU SLOW-POKE !
REALLY ?
...
AYE... SERIOUSLY SPEAKING BEING ABLE TO LIVE WITH THE GIRL YOU LIKE, IS A VERY GOOD THING
THE FEELING OF BLUSHING AND HEART THUMPING SHOULD BE A GREAT THING

!!
HURRY UP AND HELP! THE TYPHOON IS COMING SOON!
WE'RE GOING TO BE LIVING TOGETHER! AT LEAST GIVE ME A HAND!
WHAT ?
...
YOU'RE LIVING ALL ALONE WITH A GUY!
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ?
OI!
WHAT ?
HOW CAN THIS BE CALLED LIVING TOGETHER! IT'S THE SAME AS GOING TO SCHOOL!

HERE WE GO AGAIN
...
BECAUSE WE ARE SIBLINGS!
OF COURSE NOT!
THE THING I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY
HEY
.....
...
WE ARE SIBLINGS, WE CANNOT GO OUT WITH EACH OTHER!
DIDN'T I SAY IT BEFORE ?

LIE...
...
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
...
...
I WAS JUST TRICKING YOU !
WHO WOULD LIKE A GIRL LIKE YOU ?!
EH ?
WELL, WELL, YOU REALLY BOUGHT IT. YOU GOT TRICKED BY ME

I WAS ONLY LYING TO YOU!
DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY!
<SFX: BAKANNO
TOO MUCH! USING THIS TO PLAY A TRICK! HOW LOW!
THAT'S WHY ...
I ALWAYS CALL YOU A BRAT! THIS IS TOO MUCH!
TOO MUCH!
WAH! OW ...
OWW ...
<SFX: DOKAA DOKAA

MOVE IT YOURSELF!
DAMN! WHO WANTS TO HELP YOU!
I WON'T APPRECIATE YOUR HELP ANYWAY! GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!
HAH!

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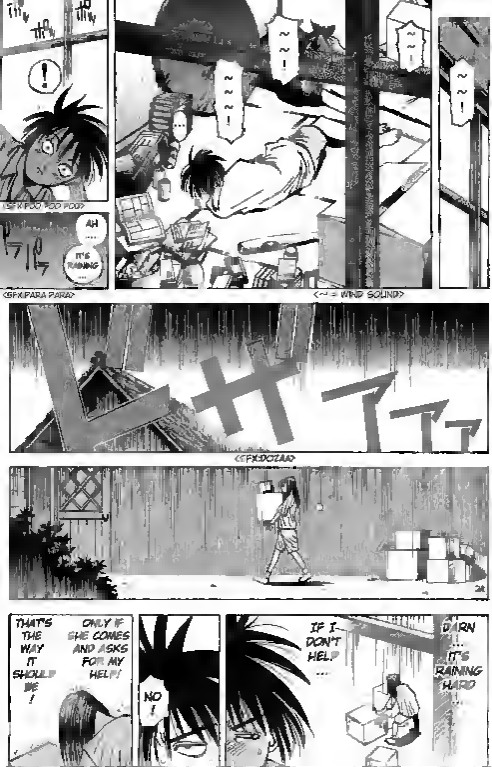
Rustle!
Rustle!
<SFX:BOOOO>
SHE WON'T HAVE TO THROW THAT HARD!
OUCH ...
IF I WON'T SAY THAT MY STOMACH IS FULL OF SADNESS WOULDN'T GO AWAY ...
BUT ...
WHAT AM I DOING ...
ALIVE ...
TOO MUCH
BASTARD!
I REALLY AM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<SFX:POO POO POO>
AH ....
IT'S RAINING ....
<SFX:PARA PARA>
<~~ = WIND SOUND>
<SFX:DOZAA>
THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE !
ONLY IF SHE COMES AND ASKS FOR MY HELP!
NO !
IF I DON'T HELP ...
DARN ... IT'S RAINING HARD ...

WHY SHOULD I CARE ANYWAY !
HUMPH !
EH ?
<SFX:GONNNN>
<SFX:BARING
AH !
OUT-SIDE ?

WHAT ...
!
OH GOD
!

AH!
¡ONISHI!
<SFX:DOKA DOKA DOKA>
<SFX:BASOO>

IS SHE OUTSIDE ?
WHERE ARE YOU HOSHINO !
HO ...
HOSHINO !
!!
AH

YEAH ...
WHAT IS THIS? I CAN'T GET OUT ...
FOUND YOU!
YOU OKAY? HOSHINO !
<SFX:RASM>
<SFX:GULUG>
Hot...
DON'T MOVE !
I'LL GET IT OFF YOU ...

AH
HOSHINO

NEKOTA !
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT.
<SFX: PAK! PAK!>
HA !
THE BRANCH BROKE OFF BECAUSE OF THE WIND AND ENTERED THROUGH THE WINDOW!

<SFX:ZUZAZAZA>

<SFX:GUD>

<SFX:ZAAAA>

OR ELSE THE RAIN WILL DRENCH EVERYTHING !
HURRY UP AND MOVE !
AH YES...

LET'S MOVE THE LUGGAGE TO THE SECOND FLOOR. ...
EH ?

NIIKOTA ...
?

!!
<SFX:GAAN!?
<SFX:DONN GAN DONN>
ドーン
ガーン
ドーン

WHATEVER YOU SAY
AT LEAST WE ARE DONE
AH
AH!
NEKOTA!
YOUR FOOT!
EH?
AH!
ARE YOU HURT?
NOPE
I'M FINE...
OUCH!
DEAL WITH IT

YOU KNEW THERE WERE GLASS PIECES AND YOU STILL CAME BAREFOOTED!
SO STUPID
OKAY
AND I'M NOT STUPID!
...
STUPID! GLASS INJURIES ARE VERY SERIOUS!
I CAN JUST SPIT ON IT AND IT WILL BE ALRIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT!
...
...
I'M SORRY

IT'S ALL MY FAULT... CAUSING HER TO GET DRENCHED
STUPID!
I AM SO CHILDISH
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO PETTY, PURPOSELY NOT HELPING HER TO CARRY THE STUFF
CAUSING YOU TO END UP LIKE THAT
IT... IT IS SOAKED THROUGH!

AH?
AH!
WHAT WHAT TO DO?
?
PUT PUT THE REALITY IS
YAHHHH!!!!!
SERIOUSLY
I DIDN'T LOOK ON PURPOSE
TOO MUCH
twitch twitch
OW~
DON'T LOOK, YOU PERVERT!

ALL MY CLOTHES ARE SOAKED!
DARN!
I'LL CATCH A FLU LIKE THIS!
WHAT NOW? NEKOTA ...
EH?
<SFX: ZAAAAAA>
<SFX: DOKI DOKI DOKI>
SUCH A HEADACHE ...
AIYE ...
WHAT NOW ...
YOU'RE ASKING ME WHAT NOW?

I'LL WEAR
THIS FOR THE TIME BEING!
AH! OKAY
JORDAN
WHEN IS THAT WIND GOING TO STOP
THE RAIN TOO
...
AH. SHE ISN'T WEARING A BRA
THIS MEANS

SHE'S NOT WEARING UNDERWEAR EITHER ?
MAYBE ...
I'M WEARING GYM SHORTS !
AH
IS THAT SO ?
UNWILLINGLY, MY BODY
IS MOVING CLOSER!

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SLEEP IN THIS ROOM !
I CAN'T SLEEP IN MY ROOM, IT IS A TOTAL MESS!
EHHE ?!
LOOKING AT THE SITUATION
SERIOUSLY !
I KNOW!
IS THIS REAL ?
WHA
WHAT ?!
SLEEP TOGETHER ?!
<SFX DONN>
I KNEW IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS
AIYE
HURRY UP AND MOVE !
...
thump

OKAY! GOOD NIGHT!
REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF THE LIGHTS!
EH?
AH! THIS SHOULD BE OKAY
...
AH...
YOU'RE GOING TO SLEEP NOW...?
IF YOU PEEP, I'LL KILL YOU!
HMM...
WHO WOULD WANT TO PEEP ON YOU? YOU AUNTY!
I'M SWITCHING OFF THE LIGHTS NOW!
I HAVE BEEN TALKING TO HER A LOT MORE NOW...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
JUST WANTED TO CHAT WITH HOSHINO...
AIYE! ACTUALLY I...
<SFX/BGGROAN>
HA...
...
FROM TOMORROW ON
BUT

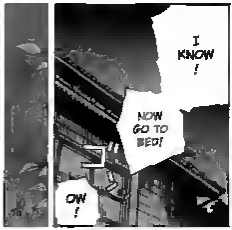
IT WILL BE THE SAME RELATIONSHIP AS BEFORE...
!!
HEY! ARE YOU ASLEEP YET?
JUST TOO HOPEFUL...
I THINK I'M...
HOSHINO?!

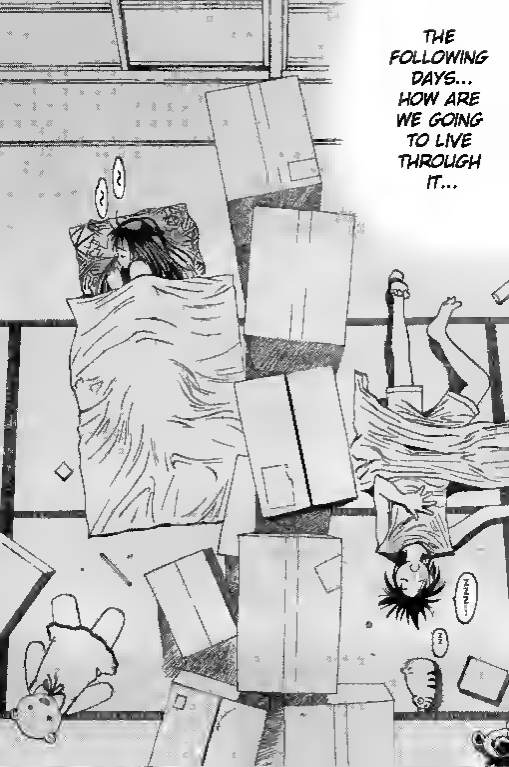
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
YOUR ROOM IS TOO DIRTY !
AH
I'LL ... I'LL CLEAN IT
AND
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME OUT TODAY!
THAT'S ALL ..

YEAH! YEAH! AT LEAST YOU HELPED! GOOD BROTHER!
HA HA
...
THIS MAKES ME THINK THAT BEING A GUY IS TOUGH
EH ?
AH! IT WAS NOTHING
WE ARE STILL NOT
SIBLINGS YET ..

EH ?
...
AH ...
STILL NOT SIBLINGS YET...?
OI!
HOSHINO! TODAY I
AH ... OH YEAH !
OKAY! GOOD NIGHT!
スポ
<SFX: SWOOSH>
WAS SHE TRYING TO SAY... THAT THERE IS STILL A CHANCE ...?

pah!
<SFX:BAFUU>
DO YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF YOU?!
YOU'LL MAD WOMAN HOSHINO!
DON'T STAND ME, STUPID!
I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU
YOU'RE MISTAKEN!
<SFX:GOND>
AH! OUCH!
WAIT! HOSHINO!
OI! QUIT THROWING HARD OBJECTS!
IT'S PAINFUL!!
YOU PERVERT!


I KNOW !
NOW GO TO BED!
OW !


THE FOLLOWING DAYS... HOW ARE WE GOING TO LIVE THROUGH IT...
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Parallel

PURE. 2

Love Harassment!

MY STUPID DAD AND HOSHINO'S MOM ARE GETTING MARRIED, AND THEY'VE GONE OVERSEAS...
LEAVING ME AND HOSHINO TO LIVE TOGETHER...
THAT IS ALL...
AH...
OUCH
DAMN... SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO STEP ON ME THAT HARD...
I ONLY PASSED BY HER BEDROOM, YET SHE MADE SUCH A BIG FUSS ABOUT IT!
I REALLY CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER!
JUST BEFORE THIS... THE FEELINGS WERE SO GREAT...
AND I ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT WE COULD MAKE UP...

IN THE BATHROOM!!!
sh-sh-sh-sh
...
Brush left
Brush right
LET'S SEE...
BLEGH IT WON'T HURT... JUST FOR A WHILE
....
THERE'S A GRIP...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. HAVING TO BATHE EARLY IN THE MORNING.
BATHING ONCE EVERY TWO DAYS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH
EH?
<SFX: PETAD
<SFX: PACING
SIN-CERELY
AH!

!!
WAH !
HA ?
WHAT THE ...?
NICE CATCH !
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO CATCH IT? NEKO-KUN!
!

BUT ...
I WILL NOT LOSE! THERE'S ONE YEAR BEFORE MY DAD COMES BACK!
DURING THIS TIME I'LL REPAIR OUR RELATIONSHIP, THEN ...
AH AH AH AH ...
I'VE BEGUN TO LIKE NEKOTA MORE AND MORE ...
AH, IT'S WEIRD ...
NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL MAKE HER SAY IT!
I MUST WORK HARD!

THIS GUY'S NAME IS KITA-MURA,
EVERY YEAR, THERE WILL BE SOMEONE LIKE HIM,
NOT ONLY IS HE INTELLIGENT, BUT GOOD AT SPORTS TOO...
NEKO-KUN... HAVE YOU FINISHED WATCHING THE TAPE I LENT YOU?
AH? WHAT ?
THAT ONE... FINISHED IT A LONG TIME AGO ...
NOT TO MENTION GOOD LOOKING AND SINGLE ...
HAHAHA! YOU DEFINITELY DIDN'T WATCH IT!
AH! YOU TRICKED ME!
EH? THERE WAS?
REALLY... THEN YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE LITTLE CLIP AT THE END?
BECAUSE ...
WHY CAN WE GET ALONG SO WELL?

KITA... KITAMURA!
FIGURES WHY YOU ARE THE BASEBALL ACE!
OF COURSE!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A PITCHER?
BUT YOU DIDN'T... BECAUSE YOU'RE A CAT!
HEH HEH
KITAMURA! HOW WOULD YOU COMPENSATE ME IF I REALLY GOT HURT?!
ONEKO-CAT BUT YOU KNEW THAT, RIGHT??

FOR THE UPCOMING SPORTS COMPETITIONS ...
THE GIRLS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT WE HAVE OUR OWN PERSONAL SPORTS T-SHIRT.
...
SPORTS T-SHIRT ...?
WHAT! WHY SHOULD WE DO SUCH A THING! TOO MUCH TROUBLE ...
YOU GIRLS DO IT YOURSELVES!
I OBJECT!
I DISAGREE TOO!
WHAT NOW. CAN'T YOU ALL KEEP QUIET!
YOU STUPID IDIOTS!
WHAT ?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?! DO IT YOURSELVES THEN! DON'T BRING US DOWN WITH YOU!
YOU BITCHES !

WE ARE BEST FRIENDS
HA HA HA...
YEAH!
OH... GOOD LUCK!
THIS WEEK SHOULD BE... BASKET-BALL!
SPORTS COMPET-ITIONS ARE COMING UP!
I REALLY WISH WE COULD GET INTO THE FINALS!
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT! OF COURSE WE WILL!

SHE WANTS ME TO DO SOME-THING ?
EH? DON'T TELL ME ....
!!
<PK GATAAD
I JUST HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING RIGHT? THAT'S IT...!
OI ...
NO! WAIT A MINUTE! THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD CHANCE!
BUT HOW AM I TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM
EVERYBODY LISTEN UP
HUH?

AIYE ... SPORTS T-SHIRTS ...
THE WAY GIRLS THINK SURE IS WEIRD ...
OI! THE BITCHES SURE CAN MAKE YOUR BLOOD BOIL!
EH? AH AH ...
YOU'RE GOING TO OBJECT TO IT, RIGHT? NIEKO!
!?
WHY? HOSHINO ...
IS LOOKING AT ME WITH THAT LOOK ...!
...
SFX: WAA WAA
...
AH!
OI! GIRLS! WE'RE GOING TO OBJECT TILL THE END!
WE NEVER EXPECTED YOU GUYS TO TAKE PART IN THE FIRST PLACE!
HERE WE GO AGAIN
GOOD! GOOD THEN!

THAT THE GUYS AND THE GIRLS STOP QUARRELING AND GET ALONG TOGETHER!
THE SPORTS COMPETITION AND THE SPORTS T-SHIRTS.
I THINK THIS WILL BE OUR CHANCE TO DO SO!
...
EH ?
KITAMURA ...
IF WE BUY THE T-SHIRTS IN BULK, IT WILL BE CHEAPER!
PLUS ...
THAT'S WHY WE WISH THE GUYS WOULD HELP TOO!
MM! CORRECT!
HOSHINO ...
KITA-MURA ...
WELL SAID ...

I DON'T THINK IT'S A BIG DEAL TO GET A SPORTS T-SHIRT!
KITAMURA
KITA
WHAT IS IT? KITAMURA-KUN?
LISTEN TO ME
OI!
OI!
TAHITOKI
KITA-MURA
AH!
THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SAY!
WE ARE ALREADY IN OUR SENIOR YEAR
TWO MORE WEEKS AND WE'LL BE TAKING OUR FINAL EXAMS!
THIS IS THE ONLY GOOD TIME TO ENJOY OURSELVES
THINK ABOUT IT!
I THINK
IT IS ABOUT TIME
THIS IS OUR LAST YEAR BEFORE WE GRADUATE FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL!
EVERYONE WOULD WANT A NICE GATHERING NEXT TIME, RIGHT?

GREAT! THEN THIS IS SETTLED!
HOW
KITAMURA IS SO CUTE!
<SFX: WAAAA>
<SFX: PANT>
YOU STOLE SUCH A GREAT CHANCE FROM ME!
DAMN! KITAMURA!
THANK YOU! KITAMURA-KUN!
HOSHINO
HUH?

OKAY!
WE'LL HAVE A GUY REPRESENTATIVE TO HANDLE THE SUGGESTIONS AND DESIGNS OF THE T-SHIRT
HOW'S THAT? SANADA! IWAOKI! SINCE YOU GUYS LOOK SO SURE, YOU CAN ALSO JOIN IN
UH!
SINCE YOU SAID IT THAT WAY
IF WE DON'T WISH TO WEAR IT, THEN WE WON'T
EVEN SANADA AND IWAOKI ARE CONVINCED!
HOW'S THAT? NEKOTA!
EH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?
ER, I'M FINE WITH ANYTHING

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU! I COULD... SAY ALL THAT STUFF TOO!
HMPH!
WAIT A MINUTE! NEKO-KUN!
WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?
OI! LISTEN! ACTUALLY, I WISH THAT YOU AND HOSHINO WOULD PATCH IT UP.
THAT WAY, THE GUYS AND THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS WILL GET ALONG WELL.
...
THIS KINDA STUFF I KNOW TOO!
SO...
BECAUSE YOU AND HOSHINO ARE THE LEADERS OF THE DIFFERENT SEXES!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
I'M NOT EVEN ANGRY!
YOU'RE ALREADY ANGRY.
I'M NOT!

...
NIIKOTA! LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
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?
CCFX: SUTA SUTA SUTA
OI NEKO-KUN ...
LET'S G ...
NO... THANKS!

OH YEAH!
<SFX: KUKUNN>
I WANTED TO ASK YOU...
WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS KITAMURA-KUN...?
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
<SFX: HAH>
<SFX: HAH>
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SIT UP!
AH?
HOW COME...
NOTHING SPECIAL...
ARE YOU TWO GOOD FRIENDS? IN THE SAME SOCIETY AS WELL...
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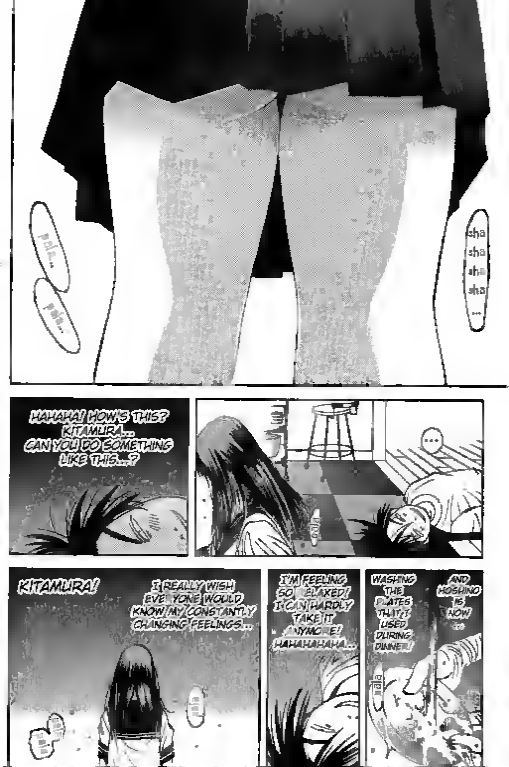
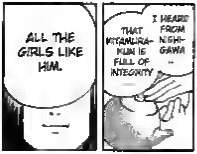

Pale...
Pale...
sha sha sha sha...
HAHAHA! HOW'S THIS? KITAMURA... CAN YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
KITAMURA!
I REALLY WISH EVERYONE WOULD KNOW MY CONSTANTLY CHANGING FEELINGS...
I'M FEELING SO RELAXED! I CAN HARDLY TAKE IT. SYMCHE! HAHAHAHAHA...
WASHING THE PLATES THAT I USED DURING DINNER!
AND HOSHINO IS NOW...

.....
AH! RIGHT!
I MADE SOME ESPECIALLY FOR YOU TOO!
EH? YOU'RE NOT DRINKING?
EVERYONE WILL BE HERE TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE T-SHIRT DESIGN.
NISHIGAWA AND THE OTHERS WILL BE COMING TOGETHER, YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, RIGHT?
YOU MUST QUIETLY STAY ON THE SECOND FLOOR!

KITAMURA...

AH!
KITAMURA
...
HE'S A GREAT GUY!


ALL THE GIRLS LIKE HIM.
THAT KITAMURA-KUN IS FULL OF INTEGRITY
I HEARD FROM NISHIGAWA ..

I KNEW IT!
!
REALLY ?

DEFINITELY ...
BE VERY SWEET AND CARING TOWARDS HER.

IF A GIRL BECOMES HIS GIRL-FRIEND,
HE WOULD ...

EH?

<SFX: PINPOON>
NISHIGAWA IS EARLY?
!

EVERYTIME YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH, IT'S "KITAMURA"
...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!
...
...
SERIOUSLY
...
I LOSE OUT IN EVERY-THING TO HIM
...
AM .. AM I JEALOUS OF KITAMURA
...
HU
...
Sunday
...

AHHH!
AH!
<SFX: PUWAA>
<SFX: PARAA>
WHOA! AH!
SORRY
!!!!YYYAAAAAAA!!

NISHI-GAWA! YOU'RE EARLY!
T-SHIRT DESIGNS... YEAH...
I BROUGHT THE NEW T-SHIRT DESIGNS ...
THE ...
I ...
ANO ...
AH!
KI... KITAMURA-KUN...

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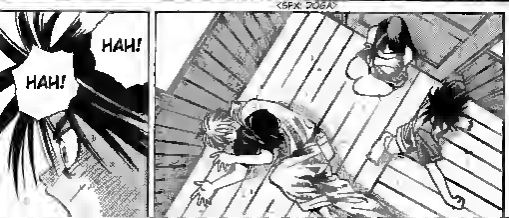


EH?
<SFX: DRIND
<SFX: RAAD
HOSHINO
!
KITA...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
YOU ARE SIBLINGS?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT YOUR FATHER WOULD MAKE THINGS SO COMPLICATED ...
HA ...
SORRY! KITAMURA!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT? HOSHINO!
KI... KITAHIJIRA-KUN?
EH ...
SILLY ...
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!
KITAHIJIRA-KUN CAME TO SHOW THE T-SHIRT DESIGNS ...
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
EH?
EH?
EH?
AH! NEKOTA?
WHY ARE YOU HERE ?
AH!
AHHHHHHHHHH!

I SAID I'LL SEND YOU!
DON'T HAVE TO...
KITAMURA! I'LL SEND YOU...
DON'T HAVE TO...
WAIT FOR ME!
AI....
BUT WHY DID IT HAVE TO END SO VIOLENTLY...
...
THANK GOODNESS IT WAS KITAMURA-KUN.
STUPID!
SERIOUSLY SUDDENLY RUNNING DOWN TO PUNCH SOMEONE'S LIGHTS OUT

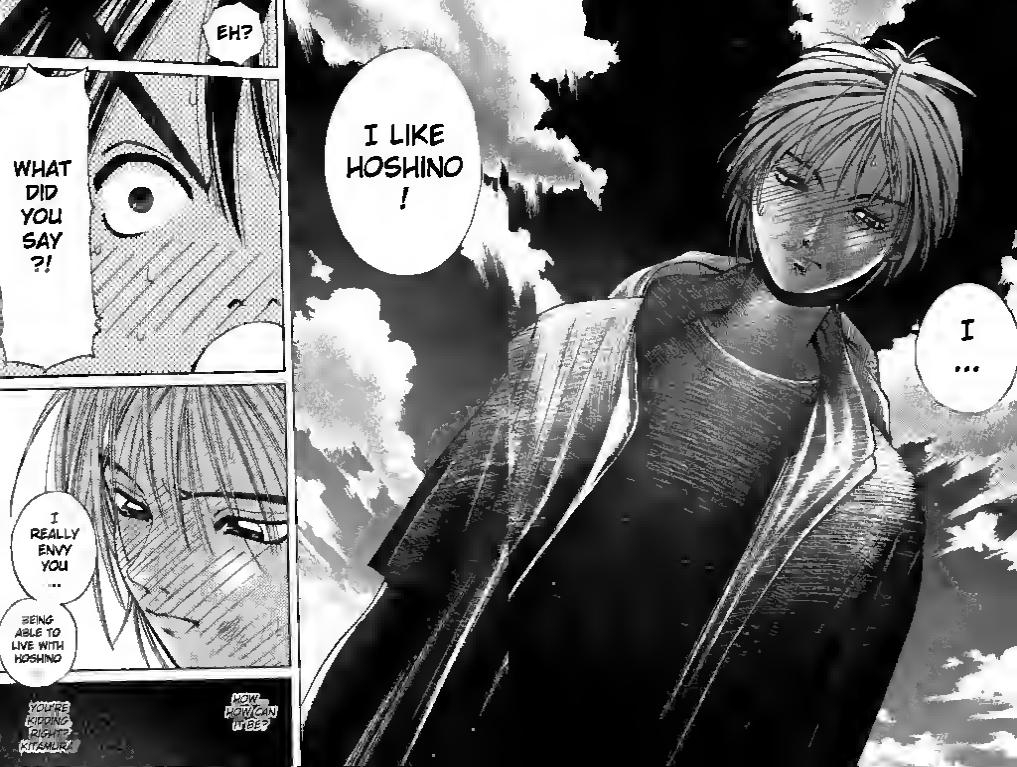
SO WHAT!
WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SCREAMED SO LOUDLY!
YOU CAN TREAT NEKOTA UP TO VENT YOUR ANGER!
I'M REALLY SORRY!
I'M ALRIGHT!
EH... HITAMURA-KUN!
NISHIGAWA AND THE OTHERS WILL BE ARRIVING SOON.
I'LL LEAVE FIRST!
AH... THANK YOU!
I WON'T TELL A SOUL ABOUT THIS

SUCH A—
WEIRD FELLOW—
STUPID!

HOSHINO!
!
IT'S BECAUSE ...
HE WON'T THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES ...
STUPID!

MY DAD SUDDENLY TOLD ME THAT HE WAS GOING TO REMARRY... THAT'S WHY...
HOSHINO AND I ARE NOT SIBLINGS...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT! DIDN'T I TELL YOU JUST NOW...
AND, I DON'T ACTUALLY THINK OF HER AS A GIRL...
HA HA HA!
I REALLY WISH THAT NOTHING SPECIAL WOULD HAPPEN!
YOU'LL KNOW WHAT I MEAN IF YOU LIVED WITH HER!
I SAID THAT... I WISH THAT THE GUYS AND THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS WOULD GET ALONG WITH EACH OTHER...
AND TALKIN' ABOUT THE CLASS GATHERINGS AND THE SPORTS COMPETITIONS, ACTUALLY....
IT WASN'T JUST THAT...
...
REALLY....
SERIOUSLY! I'M NOT FOOLING AROUND!

DON'T START! IT'S REALLY TROUBLESOME!
NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I ALWAYS END UP BEING SCOLDED BY HER...
...
THE TWO OF YOU ARE LIVING TOGETHER ...
THERE'S A GOOD SIDE TOO, RIGHT?
FOR EXAMPLE, THE MEALS ...
AH, THE MEALS
SHE DOES COOK FOR ME ...
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH IT?
...
HAVING TO SUDDENLY LIVE WITH A GIRL YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ...
NEKOTA
BUT THAT IS BECAUSE DAD TOLD HER TO
SO IT DOESN'T COUNT !


EH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY ?!
I REALLY ENVY YOU ...
BEING ABLE TO LIVE WITH HOSHINO
YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT? KITAMURA
I LIKE HOSHINO !
I ...
HOW... HOW CAN IT BE?

A FAVOR THAT ONLY YOU CAN DO
AAHH ..?
NEKO-KUN I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU
IS IT... FOR REAL??

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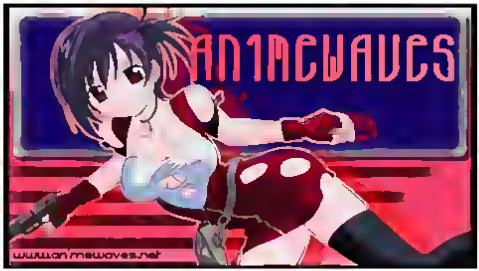

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KITAMURA!
Sports competition day
GOOD PASS, NEKO-KUN!
WHOOOOOAAA! KITAMURA!
憩愛平行線
ぱられる
GREAT ASSIST, NEKO-KUN!
OF COURSE!
THAT WAS GREAT! KITAMURA!
REALLY COOL!

I LIKE HOSHINO...
NEKO-KUN! I...
IT'S A FAVOR ONLY YOU CAN DO...
NEKO-KUN... I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...
AND...
BE SO FRANK IN FRONT OF ME...
NOT BEING ABLE TO JUST SAY "OK" IS SO TOUGH... I DIDN'T THINK THAT FELLOW COULD ACTUALLY...
AAAHHH!
...

戀愛平行線

Parallel

PURE. 3

A Brief and Blunt Emotion

THAT WAS GREAT! VICTORY!
CHEERS
CHEERS!
EH?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THE WHOLE HALL WAS CHEERING FOR KITAMURA!
AND THE T-SHIRT WERE WELL RECIEVED! THAT WAS A SUCCESS TOO!
MM!
YEAH...
HE'S LIKED BY BOTH THE GUYS AND THE GIRLS! I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
THE T-SHIRT DESIGN TOO... NOT ONLY IS HE HANDSOME, HE IS SMART, HAS A GOOD PERSONALITY, AND IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN THE REST...
KITAMURA WAS GREAT TODAY. IT WAS BECAUSE OF HIM WE COULD WIN THE MATCH!
EH ...?

AND HE'S ALSO MY BEST FRIEND
HE REALLY IS A GOOD GUY!
NEKO-KUN
HE IS A SPECIAL GUY!
I CAN'T BACKSTAB HIM...
WA
WA

thum
WHA...
EH?
YOU'RE REALLY WEIRD TODAY ...
thump
DURING THE MATCH TODAY... YOU WERE ALWAYS PASSING THE BALL TO KITAMURA-KUN!
NO... THIS...
thump
thump
AND JUST NOW, YOU KEPT ON TALKING ABOUT HIM!
HUH?
thump
thump
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ?

ALL THE GIRLS...
EH?
ALL THE GIRLS IN OUR CLASS LIKE KITAMURA-KUN.
DON'T TELL ME HOSHINO... LIKES KITAMURA TOO...
?

THAT IS THE MOST LIKELY ONE ...
DOWN
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HOSHINO'S REACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN...
DOESN'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS FOR ME!
BECAUSE SHE
YOU'VE GOT A VISITOR!

COMING!
!!
ピンポォン
(PINN PONN=THE SOUND OF A DOORBELL)
OI! HURRY UP AND HIDE!
!!
Hide
...
IF.. THE DOOR BELL HADN'T RUNG...
I WONDER WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED..
pa
AI
...

OF COURSE IT'S TRUE!
EVERY-THING IS PROGRESSING VERY SMOOTHLY!
NOT A SINGLE PROBLEM!
OI...
I WAS THINKING OF ASKING HOSHINO OUT TO WATCH A MOVIE
AND THEN TELL HER MY TRUE FEELINGS
AH...
OH, REALLY?
THAT'S GREAT!
OKAY! NOT A PROBLEM!
GOD! KITAMURA... HE'S REALLY SERIOUS... WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
LEAVE IT TO ME...
NEKO-KUN... WHAT KIND OF MOVIES DOES HOSHINO LIKE?
COULD YOU ASK HER FOR ME?
AH!
I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU ALL THE TIME.

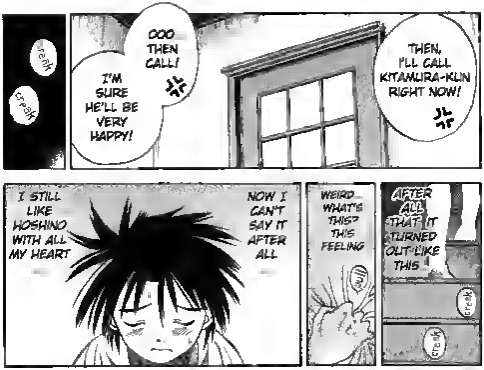
NEKO-KUN!
KITAMURA?
WHY DID YOU COME HERE ALL OF A SUDDEN...?
!!
YOU INTERRUPTED US WHEN I WAS JUST GETTING TO THE BEST PART ABOUT YOU
REALLY?
I REALLY HAVE TO THANK YOU.
IF THAT WAS THE SITUATION

HAVE YOU... THOUGHT OF GOING TO A MOVIE ...?
OH YEAH ...
...
AH
3NO1
YU?... I HAVE THOUGHT OF IT...
!!
EH?
DON'T TELL ME... YOU WANT TO WATCH A MOVIE WITH ME?
HOW UNUSUAL ...!

EH
KITAMURA-KUN WENT BACK ALREADY ...
BUT FOR KITAMURA, YOU BRING OUT THE RED TEA ...
YOU GIVE ME ONLY ORDINARY TEA TO DRINK...
TOO BAD ...
I ACTUALLY BROUGHT OUT RED TEA FOR HIM...
REALLY...
GIVING YOU SUCH NICE TEA WOULD BE A WASTE!
OF COURSE !
....

EH
KITAMURA-KUN?
REALLY...?
WATCHING A MOVIE WITH KITAMURA-KUN...
HAHA...
SHOULD I GO...?
OI! WHAT'S THIS...
SO HAPPY...

WHO WOULD WANT TO GO WATCH A MOVIE WITH YOU?
HUH!
THERE'S ... A PERSON INVITING YOU TO GO...
...
WHAT...
THEN DON'T ASK!
WHO?
AH...
IT'S KITAMURA
EH?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crash
OOO THEN CALL!
I'M SURE HE'LL BE VERY HAPPY!
THEN, I'LL CALL KITAMURA-KUN RIGHT NOW!
I STILL LIKE HOSHINO WITH ALL MY HEART
NOW I CAN'T SAY IT AFTER ALL
WEIRD... WHAT'S THIS? THIS FEELING
AFTER ALL THAT IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS
crash
crash
WHY CAN'T I WIN FOR ONCE
WHY?
WHY...
sit

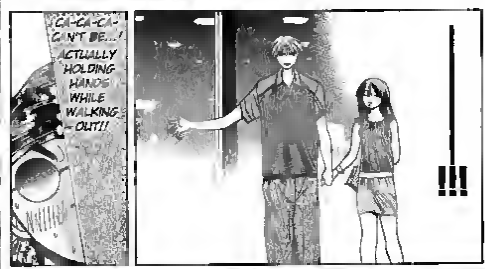
DON'T TELL ME... YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO?
FROZEN...
AH! YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE VERY HAPPY!
WHAT HAPPENED ...?
WHO WOULD WANT TO DISAGREE !?
NO...
DON'T TALK NONSENSE! KITAMURA IS A GREAT GUY!
mental
shock
I GUESS I SHOULD GO STEADY WITH HIM TOO...
THEN...
GREAT.. GOOD LUCK.
I WILL DEFINITELY CHEER YOU ON!
EH, REALLY...
THEN I SHOULD GO OUT WITH HIM NO MATTER WHAT!
THAT IS GREAT! BUT I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM!
THAT...
!

I'M REALLY GLAD...
I DON'T THINK THAT WILL HAPPEN!
KITAHARA-KUN, YOU ONLY INVITED ME TO COME ALONG... DO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY?
THE OTHER GIRLS IN CLASS WILL GET JEALOUS ...
I'M REALLY GLAD YOU CAME ...
IT'S STILL EARLY !
HIHI
OKAY! LET'S GO IN NOW!
OH!

KITAMURA-KUN!
HOSHINO!
(THE SIGN SAYS MOVIE THEATRE) BUT THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS, RIGHT?
IN THE END, I STILL CAME! I KEPT ON FEELING WORRIED...
I'M SORRY! DID YOU WAIT LONG?
I JUST ARRIVED!
BUT, SERIOUSLY SPEAKING... THE ATMOSPHERE IS REALLY GOOD!

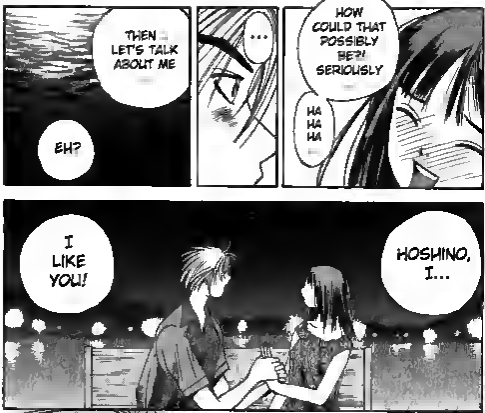
HA HA HA
...
I CAN'T HEAR IT !!
THEY SOUND VERY HAPPY... I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?

DON'T TELL ME HOSHINO LIKES KITAMURA TOO?

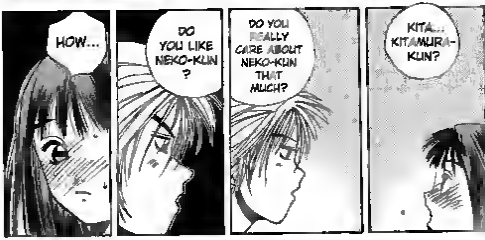


HE IS AN IDIOT, RIGHT?
HAHAHA
....
YOU HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT NIKO-KUN THE ENTIRE TIME...
UNTIL NOW ....
EH?
AH!
THAT BOY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD PAIN! HAHAHAHA...
JUST LIKE THAT TIME WITH THE TYPHOON, WHEN HE CUT HIS FEET ON GLASS...

TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN SHE'S WITH ME...
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S VERY HAPPY TOO...
AH...
WHAT W-S I THINKING? SERIOUSLY ...
AH!
I... KEPT ON FOLLOWING THEM...
IT'S TIME TO STOP PLAYING GOOSEBERRY AND GO HOME...
RIGHT! DO YOU KNOW THE STORY ABOUT NEKOTA AND THE UMBRELLA?
IT WAS DURING PRIMARY SCHOOL ...
I DON'T KNOW ...
ISN'T IT FUNNY? AFTER FALLING, HE STUPIDLY ASKED "HOW COME IT WAS LIKE THIS?"...
HA HA HA!
PERHAPS BECAUSE HE WON'T GET INJURED?
HE ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD FLOAT DOWN.
BUT FELL SO HARD THAT HE ALMOST BROKE HIS LEG!
THAT STUPID BOY ACTUALLY JUMPED OUT OF THE WINDOW WITH AN UMBRELLA ...
THAT GUY...
HE HE


THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT ME
EH?
...
HOW COULD THAT POSSIBLY BE?! SERIOUSLY
HA HA HA
HOSHINO, I...
I LIKE YOU!
WILL YOU ...

AH...


HOW...
DO YOU LIKE NEKO-KUN?
DO YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT NEKO-KUN THAT MUCH?
KITA... KITAMURA-KUN?

AH, WHAT IS IT ?
KITAHURA-KUN...
AH...
NO THING...
I...

PLEASE BE MY GIRLFRIEND

...

...
NO, NO WAY!
TOO MUCH!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING US ALL THE WAY!
YOU ARE REALLY ...!
YOU ...
NEKO-KUN...
I WILL DEFINITELY SUPPORT YOU!
GOOD LUCK! KITA-MURA!
NO WONDER ...
HA HA ...

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!?

I WAS OUT WALKING, WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY SLIPPED AND FELL. HAHAHAHA...
AH! ER...
NEVER-MIND...

NE KO TA ——?

OH YEAH, HOSHINO ...
...
SIGH
...
TODAY'S DATE...
WAS IT OKAY ...?
KITAMURA-KUN IS REALLY WARM, AND HANDSOME. HE IS WORTH A HUNDRED POINTS!
...
I'M VERY HAPPY ...
REALLY!
OF COURSE, BECAUSE HE IS KITAMURA!
REALLY ... HEH!
...

BUT...
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME FROM THE BEGINNING! NEKO-KUN!
IF THIS IS HOW THINGS ARE...
I REALLY...
WAS SERIOUS THIS TIME...
KITA-MURA!
KITAMURA! WHERE ARE YOU, KITAMURA?
I'LL DROWN, YOU KNOW!
OUCH!
WAAH! DON'T THROW ROCKS!

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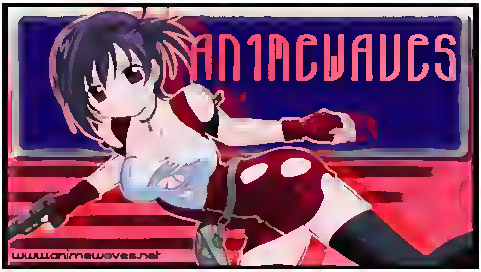

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BUT...
FOR ME, HE REALLY IS TOO GOOD ...
HURRY UP! WE'VE REACHED HOME!
WHAT? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN ...
EH?
WAIT! WAIT FOR ME!
HOSHINO!
YOU'RE REALLY SLOW NEKOTA!

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ...

AT THE BASEBALL CLUB'S SUGGESTION, EVERYONE DECIDED TO GO TO KITAMURA'S SUMMER HOUSE FOR A HOLIDAY...

DOOD

IT IS RARE TO BE AWAY FROM HOSHINO FOR ONCE, A GOOD CHANCE TO SPREAD MY WINGS AND TAKE MY CHANCES...

BUT ...

IN THE END, I HAVE BETRAYED HIM...

EVER SINCE THAT DAY, I'VE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK TO KITAMURA...

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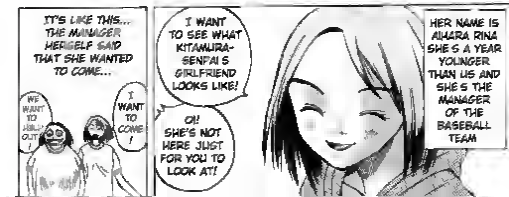
PURE. 4
A Love Triangle at the Beach

EH!?
YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH NISHIGAWA?
IMPOSSIBLE!
YOU'RE TOO LOUD, NEKO-KUN...
AH! OH... BUT...
KITAMURA AND NISHIGAWA... WHAT A SHOCK!
NO... I DIDN'T DO...
I WANTED YOU TO KNOW FIRST...
BECAUSE I TROUBLED YOU SO MUCH LAST TIME.
BUT THIS MAKES ME HEAVE A SIGH OF RELIEF...
NO... NO WONDER...
DON'T WORRY! I'LL TELL THEM!
!!
WILL THEY BE OKAY WITH THAT?
BUT...
NISHIGAWA SAID THAT SHE WOULD BE COMING OVER LATER. YOU DON'T MIND, RIGHT...?
AND...
EH?

OI! NEKO-KUN!
WHOA OH!
I'M SORRY, KITA-MURA!
I...
IT'S KITAMURA! HE'S DEFINITELY ANGRY WITH ME!
I REALLY DIDN'T MEAN TO RUIN YOUR DATE WITH HOSHINO!
IT WAS A COIN-CIDENCE
HA HA HA!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? NEKO-KUN ...
I, UH ...
HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU...
EH? SOME-THING?
WHAT THING?

WH...
WHAT...
I...
NOT ONLY IS SHE CUTE, SHE IS SMART TOO, BUT...
OH YEAH! SENPAI! HOLD ON A MINUTE!
?
THUMP!
whisper
LET ME TELL YOU, SOMEONE BOUGHT A NEW SWIM SUIT!
UH...
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT SHE'S ALWAYS FOLLOWING ME...
YOU... AIHARA...
YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ME IN THAT SWIMSUIT?
HAHAHA! YOU'RE STARTING TO IMAGINE IT, RIGHT? BIG PERVERT!
WHY NOT WEAR IT RIGHT NOW...
....
WHAT NEW SWIMSUIT? HAH!
HUMPH
SERIOUSLY... THAT STUPID LITTLE GIRL...

THAT IS ALSO PART OF A MANAGER'S JOB!
AIHARA ...?


IT'S LIKE THIS... THE MANAGER HERSELF SAID THAT SHE WANTED TO COME...
I WANT TO SEE WHAT KITAMURA-SENPAI'S GIRLFRIEND LOOKS LIKE!
HER NAME IS AIHARA RINA SHE'S A YEAR YOUNGER THAN US AND SHE'S THE MANAGER OF THE BASEBALL TEAM
WE WANT TO HEAR OUT!
I WANT TO COME!
OI! SHE'S NOT HERE JUST FOR YOU TO LOOK AT!

BEAT HIM UP NICELY, GIRLS!
HUMPH! THERE MUST BE LOTS OF PRETTY MERMAIDS!
GOING TO THE BEACH SO NICE... I HEARD THAT KITAMURA'S SUMMER HOUSE IS FANTASTIC. I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE IT FOR MYSELF
THAT IDIOT SAID THAT HE WOULDN'T BE BACK TONIGHT.
COMING
Pinn Ponn
<DOORBELL REMEMBER?>
?
TO DO SOMETHING ...?
HEY! IT'S ME!
NISHI-GAWA ...?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AHH! I NEED YOU TO DO SOMETHING FOR ME...

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
HOHO... FINISHED CLEANING UP!
AS LONG AS THAT BOY ISN'T AROUND, I CAN DO THINGS MORE EASILY!
NOW I CAN REST PROPERLY ...
AH
HU
AH ...
THE WEATHER IS GOOD ...

!!
IS SHE REALLY A YEAR YOUNGER THAN US?
YEAH ....
NAKOTA ... IS THIS FOR REAL?
COME! SENPAI! OVER HERE!
EH?
THE SWIMSUIT IS REALLY SEXY...
IT'S TRUE ...

SWIMMING TIME!
SO COMFORTABLE! IT'S GREAT!
HAHAHA!
SEN-PAI!!!
YAHOO!

WHOAH!
FOUND IT?
!!
DID YOU SEE IT?
NOTHING AT ALL ...
HAHA!
WHAT IS IT NOW?
SENPAI, WERE YOU REALLY LOOKING FOR A FISH?
GUILTY
AH!
HE HE ...
EH ...?
BECAUSE IT IS YOU, THAT'S WHY...
IT'S ALRIGHT ...

GOOD! THEN I'LL CATCH DINNER!
THERE'S THIS FISH THAT'S THIS BIG HERE ...
WHAT?
NOW, WHERE IS IT ...
Gulu
!!
!!

YAAH!
WAH!
GR..!
YOU'RE HAVING FUN, AREN'T YOU!
EH? THAT VOICE IS...
SORRY! SORRY! ARE YOU OKAY?
AH, I'M FINE...
AH!
SO... SO SOFT...!
AHHH!!

THE NEXT ONE ....
IS ME —— !
FANTASTIC.. SHE DIDN'T EVEN WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL BEFORE BREAKING THE WATERMELON
... IS SHE HUMAN...
I WIN!

WHAT... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THAT...
BECAUSE IT IS YOU, THAT'S WHY IT'S ALRIGHT ...
WAA WAA
...

NEKOTA! WATCH OUT!
WUH?
IMPOSSIBLE
....

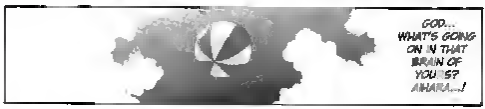
LIN...
NISHIGAWA-SAN, LET'S GO CHANGE!
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS!
turn
WHO IS SHE..?
SENPAI
HOW COME SHE HAD TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW...!
GOD. SHE SAW IT...!
OI! YOU'D BETTER NOT GET TOO CLOSE TO HER!
VERY SHORT-TEMPERED AND SCARY
SHE'S HOSHINO. SHE'S MY CLASSMATE
SHE...
WHAT'S HAPPENING... THERE'S A WEIRD FEELING IN THE AIR...
AI...
HOSHINO-SENPAI...
HMM...
LIN...

HO... HOSHINO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
I CAME WITH NISHIGAWA-SAN!
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
AH!
...

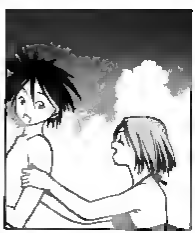
EH?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BEACH BALL?

OF COURSE!

AH! AHAHA!
IS THAT OKAY? HOSHINO-SENPAI!
I WANT TO BE ON THE SAME TEAM AS SENPAI!

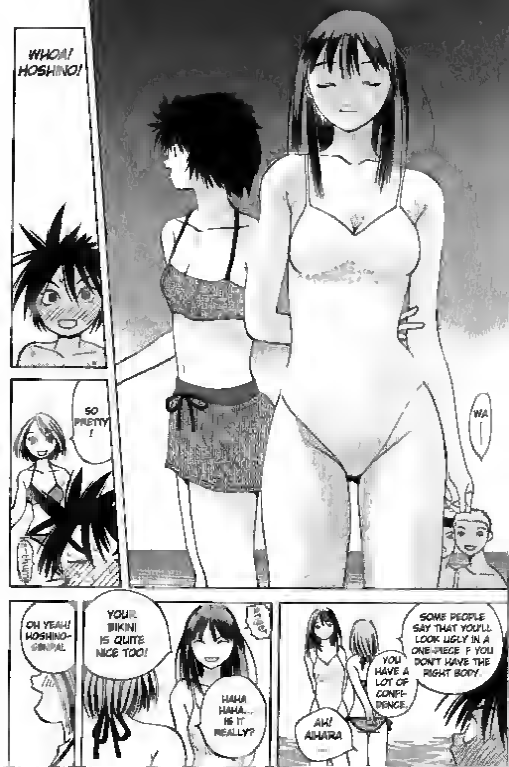

GOD... WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT BRAIN OF YOURS? AIHARA...!

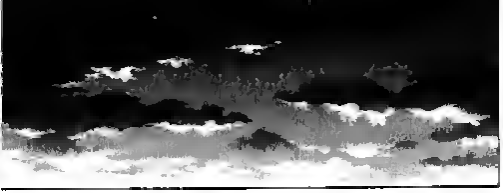
OH! I'LL GET THIS!



LOOSEN

YA!


WHOA! HOSHINO!
SO PRETTY!
WA!
OH YEAH! HOSHINO-SENPAI
YOUR BIKINI IS QUITE NICE TOO!
HAHA HAHA... IS IT REALLY?
SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT YOU'LL LOOK UGLY IN A ONE-PIECE IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT BODY.
YOU HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE.
AH! AIHARA



IS GETTING WORSE ...

THE MISUNDERSTANDING

WHY MUST I GO ALONE WITH HER TO BUY STUFF...?

WHY...

AH ...

HER SKIN ...

YE...

YEAH ...

ONCE IT GETS DARK, IT IS SUDDENLY SO COLD!

PRESS

SLIDE

ABOUT WHAT?

SWIPE

SENPAI, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING ?

MAYBE IT'S A C CUP

AND IT IS DEFINITELY BIG!

SO

SO SOFT

SORRY! SENPAI!
!!
AH!
DRIP
HUH?
THE SITUATION IS GETTING WORSE...
I MUST CLEAR THIS MISUNDERSTANDING!
NO MATTER WHAT...
OH NO—!
....

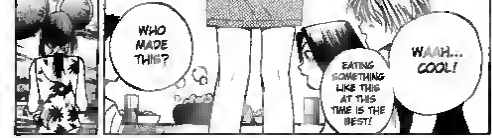
NO, NOTHING.
LET'S HURRY BACK.
EH?
WHAT DID YOU SAY...
OKAY ...
AH, YOU'RE BACK ...
WA... YOUR CUTTING SKILL IS GOOD...
CUE
CUE CUE
SORRY TO BE THEM YOU.
I'VE PUT THE STUFF INTO THE FRIDGE ALREADY.
CUT CUT...

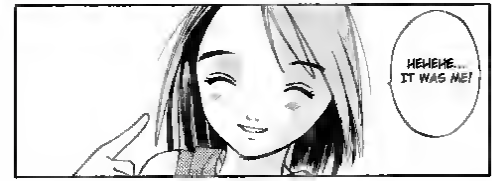
ARE YOU AND HOSHINO-SENPAI..
A COUPLE?
...
EH?
WHO WOULD WANT TO GO OUT WITH HER...?
SUCH A SCARY PERSON
IN TRUTH, I AM REALLY NOT DATING HER...
THEN
IN OTHER WORDS I STILL HAVE A CHANCE

HOSHINO-SENPAI AND HIM ARE IN THE SAME CLASS... YOU MUST CHEER ME ON!
BECAUSE SENPAI IS IN THE BASEBALL TEAM, I TOOK ON THE MANAGER POSITION.
HEHE...
...
OKAY! DONE...
WAA... IT LOOKS SO DELICIOUS! HOSHINO-SENPAI!
IT'S NOTHING! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ADDING ALL THE COOKED STUFF TOGETHER.
AI
SENPAI! SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT!
OKAY
AIHARA-CHAN, PLEASE BRING THE FOOD OUTSIDE.
SURE!

...
SINCE WHEN ? HE'S VERY CARING! AT LEAST
TO ME HE IS
YUP... HE HAS A LOT OF BRUTE STRENGTH!
I CAN'T STAND IT
WHILE BUYING THE STUFF NEKOTA-SENPAI WAS OF MUCH HELP
THAT'S BECAUSE I LIVE ALONE...
AH! REALLY ...
JUST LIKE A RESTAURANT'S COOK!
YOUR COOKING SKILLS ARE REALLY GOOD! AND YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE FAST
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
OH YEAH, NEKOTA-SENPAI LIVES ALONE TOO
MAYBE I SHOULD COOK FOR HIM ONCE IN A WHILE
...
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM YOURSELF ?

WAH! FANTASTIC!
AIHARA! IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS! I'LL HAVE TO TREAT YOU BETTER FROM NOW ON!
.....
HOSHINO-SAN MUST JOIN US!
OK/// ...
AH! THAT'S MY DAD'S
WOW!! THERE'S WINE!
...
HI ...
COM-ING ...
EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU...!
HOSHINO-SENPAI! HURRY UP!


WHO MADE THIS?
EATING SOMETHING LIKE THIS AT THIS TIME IS THE BEST!
WAAH... COOL!


HEHEHE... IT WAS ME!

IT'S VERY NICE!
AH! IT'S NICE...
SENPAI! IS IT NICE?
IT'S NOTHING! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF ADDING ALL THE COOKIE STUFF TOGETHER.
WOW! SO HUMBLE!
AIHARA! YOU'RE GREAT!

EH?
OI OI! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? HOSHINO!
I'M GOING HOME!
EH?

...

OH! REALLY?
!?

STOP FOLLOWING ME!

WAIT! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN RETURN NOW..

THERE ARE NO BOATS GOING TO THE MAINLAND THIS LATE!
...

WAIT A SECOND ...

HOSHINO...

BONK
EVERYONE FINALLY FELL ASLEEP...
HA...
...
Nervous
SHE'S DRUNK..!
HO... HOSHINO...
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS LOOKING AT ME
HUMPH
ERR... I... I HAD NO CHOICE...
AIHARA KEPT ON FOLLOWING ME...

NEKOTA
...

IS VERY CUTE ...
AIHARA-CHAN

YEAH .

WAHHHHH!
WAIT... WAIT A SECOND! STOP IT ...!
FINE! THEN I'LL SWIM BACK!
thud
YOU'RE ...
ALRIGHT? HOHHNO ...
AI ...

I KNOW THAT!
BECAUSE YOU COOK FOR ME EVERYDAY!

HARD-WORKING
SO...
...
YEAH
MM..
BUT...
I MADE IT
THAT DISH ...

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SLEEPING ALREADY ...
HOSHINO ...
I JUST HOPE THERE WON'T BE A SECOND TIME...
THIS TRIP TO THE SUMMER HOUSE TURNED OUT TO BE REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE...
AI ...
HERS ARE BIG TOO...
AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WHO WOULD HAVE GUESSED THAT BIGGER THINGS WERE ABOUT TO HAPPEN...